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2 BILL NO. S-89-07- 32

3 SPECIAL ORDINANCE NO. _____

4 AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
5 CITY OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA DIRECTING THE
6 CITY ADMINISTRATION TO CONTRACT THE
7 MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF ALL CITY-
8 OWNED PARKING GARAGES WITH ONE OR MORE
9 PRIVATE MANAGEMENT FIRMS: AND FURTHER, TO
PLACE THE PARKING CONTROL OFFICERS AND
RELATED METER SERVICES UNDER THE
DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION OF THE CITY
CLERK.

10 WHEREAS, the City of Fort Wayne desires to implement
11 certain economies and efficiencies within its Parking
Administration Department; and

12 WHEREAS, said economies and efficiencies can best be
13 achieved through the retention of the services of a private
14 management firm experienced in the management and operation
of parking facilities to manage and operate all City-owned
parking garages; and

15 WHEREAS, further economies and efficiencies can be
16 achieved by placing Parking Control officers and related
meter services under the direction of the City Clerk.

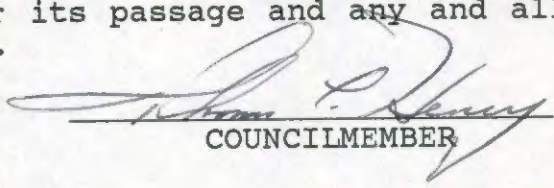
17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF
18 THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA THAT:

19 SECTION 1. Effective January 1, 1990, the Department of
20 Parking Administration of the City of Fort Wayne shall be
eliminated.

21 SECTION 2. Effective January 1, 1990, all City-owned
22 parking garages shall be managed and operated by one or more
23 private management firms experienced in the management and
operation of parking facilities, obtained through the proper
municipal bidding process.

24 SECTION 3. Effective September 1, 1989, the Parking
25 Control Officers and related meter services shall be
reassigned under the direction and supervision of the Office
of the City Clerk.

26 SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall be in full force and
27 effect from and after its passage and any and all necessary
approval by the Mayor.

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29 COUNCILMEMBER

30 APPROVED AS TO FORM
31 AND LEGALITY.

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Stanley A. Levine
Legal Advisor to the
Common Council of the
City of Fort Wayne

Read the first time in full and on motion by GiaQuinta, seconded by Salvino, and duly adopted, read the second time by title and referred to the Committee on Finance (and the City Plan Commission for recommendation) and Public Hearing to be held after due legal notice, at the Council Conference Room 128, City-County Building, Fort Wayne, Indiana, on _____, the _____ day of _____, 19____, at _____ o'clock _____ M., E.S.T.

DATED: 7-25-89

Sandra E. Kennedy
SANDRA E. KENNEDY, CITY CLERK

Read the third time in full and on motion by _____, seconded by _____, and duly adopted, placed on its passage. PASSED LOST by the following vote:

	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAINED</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
<u>TOTAL VOTES</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
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DATED: _____

Sandra E. Kennedy
SANDRA E. KENNEDY, CITY CLERK

Passed and adopted by the Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, as (ANNEXATION) (APPROPRIATION) (GENERAL) (SPECIAL) (ZONING MAP) ORDINANCE RESOLUTION NO. _____ on the _____ day of _____, 19____,

ATTEST

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Sandra E. Kennedy
SANDRA E. KENNEDY, CITY CLERK

PRESIDING OFFICER

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, on the _____ day of _____, 19____, at the hour of _____ o'clock _____ M., E.S.T.

Sandra E. Kennedy
SANDRA E. KENNEDY, CITY CLERK

Approved and signed by me this _____ day of _____, 19____, at the hour of _____ o'clock _____ M., E.S.T.

Paul Helmke
PAUL HELMKE, MAYOR

Privatizing needn't be a threat to city employees

WE KNOW that Paul Helmke is one of many forward-looking mayors around the state interested in the potential of privatizing certain government services — that is, asking municipal employees to work under the same rules of market competition as the rest of us. It has been a sore spot with municipal employees, however, that such a stance seems to presuppose that they are incompetent or just plain lazy. The truth is that privatization depends for its success on their energy and initiative.

Before we get into why that is, a bit of history.

The previous administration was fond of saying it "ran the city like a business." It didn't, of course. First, its managers were using somebody else's money — taxpayers' money. Second and more important, they did not have to worry about what most managers in the private sector spend 99 percent of their time worrying — competition. For the distinguishing aspect of a government-provided service is not the relative quality of its employees. It is that it is administered in an artificial, government-maintained monopoly.

The point was made recently by John Burkhardt, a Republican fixture in Indianapolis and statewide politics: "Government is a highly necessary part of our existence," he wrote in the Indianapolis Business Journal. "But it has its limitations — or, perhaps better stated, it should have its limitations. Since it does not possess the corrective powers of competition that help keep the private sector bearable, government proceeds on its chosen paths with little or no interference. What is needed is for 'the public' to at least devote a little study to some of the activities that might be transferred from the public sector to the private sector."

It has long been our position that one need not actually privatize a municipal service to reap the competitive benefits of privatization. Often, all that is often needed is a serious public discussion of the possibility of privatization. Such a discussion puts sloppy managers on notice that their inattention will not be tolerated. More important, it puts innovative managers on notice that their efforts will be appreciated.

To continue with Burkhardt's argument: "It is not that public managers and employees are incompetent or trying to take special advantages of one kind or another. It's just that they have no competition, which means there is no pressure for innovation, for productivity improvement, for cost savings generally. . . . There are many things that the government should discontinue altogether. But there are many more that it should leave to the private sector or contract out to the private sector. If such steps are taken, taxes will go down and services will be greatly improved."

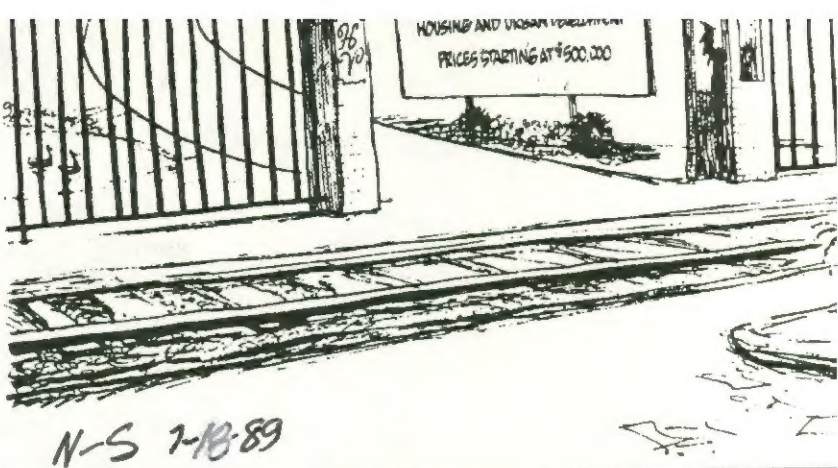
We grant that such a development would endanger the job prospects of certain municipal employees — namely those who owe their position not to skill or experience but to union leverage or political patronage. But if any other Fort Wayne manager or employee is convinced their livelihood would be endangered, we gladly offer space on this page to sound their warning.

Vanishing minimum

IF YOU still believe a hike in the federally mandated minimum wage is the only way to improve earning power for millions of American workers, consider these facts from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, published in the current issue of Reason magazine:

In the 1980s U.S. companies have created more than 9 million new jobs, but the number of workers earning the minimum wage has dropped from 7.8 million in 1981 to 3.9 million in 1988.

Last year only 6.5 percent of hourly wage earners



Not just the 2nd Ar

Protagonists in the debate over the necessity for gun control often assume the Second Amendment is the only issue at stake. A.M. Abernathy of Fremont makes this error in justifying support for Sen. Metzenbaum's proposed regulation of semiauto firearms by citing its effectiveness in keeping assault weapons out of the hands of criminal elements. Even after the Second Amendment is blithely discarded, the Fifth Amendment will prevent us from controlling criminal misuse of these weapons.

Metzenbaum's bill would essentially extend the regulations for fully automatic weapons to semiautomatic weapons. In the Miller case, courts have already ruled that convicted felons and others not allowed to own such weapons may not be required to register them. It is a federal felony for such persons to own any firearm. Forcing them to register a weapon they are not allowed to own forces them to incriminate themselves and violates their Fifth Amendment rights.

Therefore, citizens who have no criminal record or other disqualifying characteristics and may own firearms can be required to register their ownership and use of those firearms. These people do not commit crimes. There is a record of any automatic weapon legally registered under current regulations being used in a violent felony.

Citizens who have a criminal record or other disqualifying characteristics and may not own weapons cannot be required to register their illegal ownership and misuse of these weapons. These people do commit the major portion of violent crime. The perpetrator of the Stockton, Calif., massacre had been processed through the criminal justice system at least five times.

Felons have the charges against them reduced through plea bargain, receive parole or early release because of the inability of the criminal justice system to cope with the number of criminals.

In a time of fiscal difficulties, it simply makes no sense to divert resources that might have been allocated to relieve the stresses on the law enforcement community to an alternative that establishes a burdensome bureaucracy to control law-abiding citizens.

James H. Oberlin

Letters to the editor

We welcome your views on any public "Letters," P.O. Box 102, Fort Wayne, include signature, printed or typed name, a number where you can be reached during regular office hours. Letters are edited for brevity and become property of The News-Sentinel.

with the 30 percent it received last year. That is 45 percent in two years, and we are lucky to get a 5 percent wage increase a year. Environmentalists say don't cut down trees to burn; the insurance company doesn't want you to have a wood stove.

What are we supposed to do? How are we expected to pay these hikes? What about senior citizens? When is it all going to end? Are they too powerful to buck? They can pay their employees \$15 to \$20 an hour so they continue to hike the bills up. It's high time someone puts a stop to it. Have they got us over a barrel because they know we need the gas?

Wanda Shouder
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Abortion sense

I wish to express my appreciation to the editorial board of The News-Sentinel for its special report entitled "Where shall we draw the line on the law on abortion?" published June 6. It was timely, well presented and superbly reasoned. You may have provided badly needed leadership in what has appeared to this point to be an intractable issue.

Most of us are quite queasy about abortion, but we nevertheless seem to be divided into three groups: Those who are inalterably opposed; those who believe it to be a very personal and private matter into which no societal intrusion can be tolerated; and those who see moral considerations in various shades of gray festooned all over it, but who long ago have given up on the strident, uncompromising language of the first two groups. Most of the latter group now fervently wish only to be left out of the rancorous discussion.

I have found myself muttering "Enough already!" when I have unwittingly stumbled into reading another polarized, unyielding

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MARK E. GiaQUINTA, CHAIRMAN
THOMAS C. HENRY, VICE CHAIRMAN
BRADBURY, SCHMIDT, BURNS

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HAVE HAD SAID (ORDINANCE) (~~RESOLUTION~~) UNDER CONSIDERATION
AND BEG LEAVE TO REPORT BACK TO THE COMMON COUNCIL THAT SAID
(ORDINANCE) (~~RESOLUTION~~)

DO PASS

DO NOT PASS

ABSTAIN

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DATED:

Sandra E. Kennedy
City Clerk